

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors):	72
Offering: Local Fund	\$2,201
January receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$2,901

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Wed. evening activities	Jan. 16
5:45-6:30 P.M. Supper	
6:30-7:15 P.M. Children's Activities, Adult Choir practice	
7:15-8:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study	
Activity leaders/meal: (Ann + Halie / Steph)	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Josh and Kristy Andres family	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Josh Andres	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Bonnie / Bonnie / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Women in Mission meets	1-4 P.M., Jan. 21
Food & Thought meets @ J&BNickel's	12:30 P.M., Jan. 27
Worknight @ MCC Center/North Newton	6-7:30 P.M., Jan. 29
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Feb. 1
Zion's MCC meal	NOON, Feb. 10
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Feb. 11
Spiritual Life Board meets	5:45 P.M., Feb. 20

Pray This Week for...

- Bernard Entz, who celebrates his 67th birthday today!
- interim and transitional pastors guiding Western District Conference congregations during times of change, visioning, and preparation for future leadership.
- the Council of International Anabaptist Ministries, which gathers this week. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the leaders of North American and global mission agencies as they seek to collaborate in doing God's work in the world.
- praise that this last Wed. evening the children packed 44 "Blessing Bags" for the Homeless Shelter in Newton, as they learned about heroes like Mother Teresa.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 13, 2019

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

* Gathering Hymn "Arise, your light is come!" SS #30
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude The Holy Number
Call to Worship
Leader: Jesus said to his disciples:
"Happy are you needy ones."
People: ...The kingdom of God is yours."
L: "Happy are you who are hungry:
P: ...You will be satisfied."
L: "Happy are you who weep now:
P: ...You will be filled with laughter."
L: "Rejected, insulted—happy are you:
P: ...Be glad and dance with joy."
L: Jesus said, "Take up your cross."
**P: We will follow you, O Christ;
into the needs of the world, into the truth of our lives,
into the pain of our hearts, into the presence of God.**

Children's Time

* Hymn "Blessed Jesus, at your word" HWB #13
Scripture Reading *Matthew 5:3-12*
Sermon "Lives of quiet desperation" Ray Reimer
Response Hymn "Blessed are they" SS #41
Offering *Wheat State Manor*
Offertory The Holy Number

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer

Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “Bless’d be the tie that binds” HWB #421, vss. 1, 3, 6

* Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Alden and Laura Entz

Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg

Worship Leader(s): Josh Andres

Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

Pastors Ray and Rosie’s Schedules: One of them is at the church office several weekday mornings by about 9 A.M., Ray on Mon. & Fri., Rosie on Tue. & Wed.; they’ll be visiting some afternoons. This week Ray’s pastor cluster meets Tue. afternoon; he chairs a WDC Executive Board meeting Sat. morning.

Congregational Announcements

If you are interested in a 2-year term serving on the **Wheat State Manor board or auxiliary**, please contact Kathy Preheim.

Jan. 21, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet; we will be tying a quilt for MCC. Please bring a snack of your choice.

Jan. 29, 6-7:30 P.M.: All from Zion are invited to the MCC Center in North Newton for a **service / worknight**; there will be tasks for all ages and abilities!

Small group “try outs”: Interested in trying out a small group? Take a look at the options on the table in the lobby. Write your name under one or more *by Feb. 3*. The deacons will help to organize these for a 3-month trial.

Feb. 10, Noon: We have invited Maria Gutierrez (of Vicky’s Kitchen) to cook a Mexican meal for **Zion’s annual MCC meal**. The menu will include fajitas (chicken and pork) and flan for dessert. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary *by Feb. 3*. Come and support the work of MCC! –David and Karen Andres

The “**Little Library**” under the Zion picnic shelter is stocked with books. Take a book, share a book, tell your friends. Open 24/7.

Other Organizations

Jan. 14, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will offer its popular retirement workshop, ***Make Medicare an easy step***. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Jan. 20, 7 P.M.: Emmaus Church invites you to hear **The Johnson Strings**, a Branson Show Performing Family of Seven. Both of the parents, Paul and Linda (Goertz) Johnson grew up in the greater Newton area. The Johnson Strings’ show artfully combines musical talent, funny moments, and family stories to create an evening of joy. You won’t want to miss seeing this incredible family sing and perform on the violin, viola, cello, piano, bass, tin whistle! Come enjoy a wonderful evening of music and laughter!

Jan. 21: Newton Community for Racial Justice’s **MLK Day of Service 2019**. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and encouraged all citizens to live up to the purpose and potential of America by applying the principles of nonviolence. MLK Day of Service is a way to honor his life and teachings by engaging in community action that continues to solve social problems. We invite you to serve however you can in your community! Sign up for service projects at: <<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabae23a1fe3-martin>>.

Jan. 21, 1-5 P.M.: Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual **Reaching Out Letter Writing Event** at our office (900 N Poplar, Newton). Letters and cards will be delivered to individuals incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility *on Feb. 14*. If you’re interested in Reaching Out Letter Writing materials for your church or small group, contact ben@offendervictimministries to arrange delivery.

Jan. 21, 7 P.M.: Bethel College annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration**, with guest speaker Sherdeill H. Breathett Sr. of Wichita, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Jan. 24, 7 P.M.: **Reading by poet Jean Janzen**, Fresno, CA, with an opening by Bethel College graduate Jesse Nathan, San Francisco, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Reception follows in the Regier Art Gallery, where there will be a display of artist books inspired by Janzen's writing.

Jan. 25-26, etc., 8 A.M.-4 P.M.: Volunteers are needed for a **Mennonite Disaster Relief project** in Eureka, Ks. We will be roofing and completing exterior repairs. Tools and lunch will be provided. Work days are scheduled for: Jan. 25 & 26; Feb. 1 & 2; Feb. 22 & 23; Mar. 1 & 2. Please call, text or e-mail (316) 217-4570 or <jordanmiller795@gmail.com> for more details and to arrange transportation from the Newton area.

Jan. 25, 5 P.M.: All are welcome to join Offender/Victim Ministries' (OVM) **Annual Meeting** at St. Teresa Church (211 E 5th, Hutchinson). Soup supper provided.

Jan. 26: Kauffman Museum annual **Kansas Day event:** 11 A.M. – program featuring middle-school history teacher Keil Hileman, Krehbiel Auditorium; starting at 11:30 A.M. – food trucks and tractor/truck/car show, museum parking lot; 1-4 P.M. – special activities and programs in and around the museum on “Collectors, Collecting, Collections.” See the Kauffman Museum website or Facebook page for more information.

Jan. 26, 7 P.M.: **“Choices”, a play** written by Gretchen Eick, will be presented at Lorraine Ave. Menn. Ch. (Wichita); admission is free. It is a story that came to Gretchen during her time of teaching in Bosnia this past year, along with her husband, Rev. Mike Poage (both are active with the Peace Committee of Lorraine Ave.). In the play a young Bosnian woman with a university degree, who can't find work, meets a Bosnian-American man wishing to be connected to his birth culture. Each must make choices, including what religion and country mean to them. In addition to the play, a Hallal meal from Omar's Kitchen will be available *at 6 P.M.* for a donation. To reserve a meal, please call 316-682-4555 or contact <office@lorraine.church>.

Jan. 29, 5:30-7:30 P.M.: Third annual **Souper Bowl:** soup supper, and pie and dessert / silent auction at First Un. Methodist Ch. (801 N. Main, Newton), including dinner music by Ray Nicodemus, with proceeds to benefit Harvey Co. Circle of Hope and Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK).

Jan. 30, NOON-1 P.M.: **MCC Lunch & Learn with John Sharp** at MCC Center (121 E. 30th St., North Newton). John will share his presentation, “Changing the World One Life at a Time: the MJ Sharp Story.” MJ and his colleague Zaida Catalán, part of a U.N. panel of experts investigating conflicts that have been ongoing in Congo since the mid-1990s, were abducted and killed in March 2017. John is passionate about telling MJ's story; he will also share updates to the investigation that is ongoing in Congo. Please RSVP to this event *by Jan. 25* to <patsydirksen@mcc.org>. Lunch will be catered by Mojo's Coffee Bar (please list food sensitivities when you RSVP).

Feb. 1-3: Remember to register *before Jan. 28* for Hesston College's **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series**. This year the conference—“Growing More Like Jesus from the Outside In: Transforming Heart and Mind”—features Mark and Lisa Scandrette. Details at <<https://www.hesston.edu/events/avds/>>.

Thank You...

A big and much belated thank you for the boxes of food you shared with our food bank. As usual we had a larger number of families in December which made us even more grateful for your donation. We are always appreciative of those like yourselves who are willing to help us make life a little brighter for those who struggle from day to day. Thank you again for your ministry and may God bless each and every one of you as you carry out His work.
–Deb Windsor, Peabody Community Foodbank

22 complete Infant Care Kits plus more items were contributed for MCC during Dec. In addition, around \$1,000 was received in the Christmas Eve offering. Zion, your generosity is awesome!